

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed federal action in Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 20, 2017 to February 10, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal agency activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal zone.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to reissue and modify Regional Permit 5 (11-RP-05), which expired on October 5, 2016. RP-05 authorizes the discharge dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States, including non-tidal wetlands, for the construction of small impoundments, with the exception of areas and uses stated in Section IV, Permit Exclusions of the draft 16-RP-05. The purpose of RP-05 is to streamline the permitting process for small impoundments that have minimal environmental impact. In order for the discharges to qualify for RP-05, the impacts to waters of the U.S. may not result in more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse environmental impacts or be contrary to the public interest. The Norfolk District proposes to revise and reissue the RP-05 for five years. The Corps has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposal consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia CZM Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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